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New grants support Missouri digital imaging projects

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has awarded grants totaling \$63,654 for five digital imaging projects developed by Missouri libraries. These pilot projects are intended to improve the public's access to cultural heritage collections and to gather experience that can provide the State Library with models for future replication and support.

Grant recipients include:

• Missouri Botanical Garden Library	\$20,900
• Springfield-Greene County Library	\$13,990
• University City Public Library	\$13,606
• University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries	\$ 5,957
• University of Missouri-Office of Library Systems	\$ 9,200

The grant awards, funded under the federal Library Services and Technology Act, will demonstrate best practices and standards for the selection, digital capture, storage, and Web-delivery of documents. Project summaries follow:

Mainstreaming Digital Imaging: Missouri Botanical Garden Archives

This project will create a website that dynamically extracts images from a Dublin Core-based database. It will develop documentation for the database and make it freely available on the Web for the use of similar cultural heritage institutions. The project also will test best practices in optical storage by evaluating writable DVD formats.

Images of Springfield: Late 1800s-Early 1900s

The Springfield-Greene County Library will use digitally-mounted postcards, photos, and text from two hardbound volumes to depict the buildings, houses, businesses, schools, and churches of early Springfield in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The project will give an architectural perspective of the period when Springfield was promoted as the "Queen City of the Ozarks."

Images of University City

The University City Public Library and the Historical Society of University City will collaborate on a project that focuses on important aspects of the city's history, including several areas listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These photographs are significant source materials for research in architecture, community development, and city/urban planning. The project also will showcase the photographic record of activities from the women's rights movement of the 1903-1914 period.

Voices of World War II: Experiences from the Front and at Home: KMBC-Radio

The University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries are partnering with the Truman

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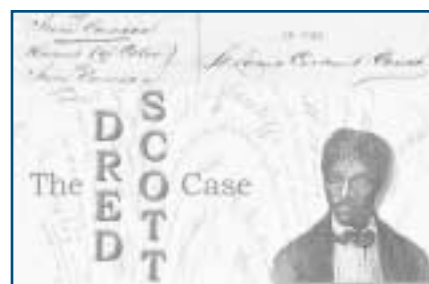
Highlighting the state's cultural heritage "Virtually Missouri" on the Web

Missouri is one of a handful of states to provide centralized Web access to the digitized special collections of archives, historical societies, libraries, and museums across the state. The **Virtually Missouri** project is maintained by the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) as part of the Missouri Digitization Planning Project and funded by the State Library with Library Services and Technology Act funds.

For libraries, the **Virtually Missouri** website (www.virtuallymissouri.org) offers several valuable functions. Librarians can use Virtually Missouri to enter information about their special collections into the *Inventory of Special Collections in Missouri Institutions* and to identify interesting collections and potential digitization partners. The inventory can be searched by institution, collection or project, subject area, and collection description. The website contains background information about

the Missouri Digitization Planning Project and offers guidelines regarding the digital issues of copyright, scanning, and metadata. Another useful service is the information about digital projects collected by MLNC, which can be used by institutions considering digitization.

For library patrons, Virtually Missouri is an easy place to start a search for history or cultural topics. A webpage links to 16 digitized collections ranging from old postcards of Kansas City and the Max Hunter Collection of Ozark Folk Song to rare books from the Missouri Botanical Garden and records from the Dred Scott case.



ments, or sound within larger collections.

A few states have similar sites. To check out what they're doing, go to the following sites:

Illinois Digital Archive—<http://eli.sls.lib.il.us/ida/>; **Heritage Gateway to Colorado's Digitization Projects**—<http://coloradodigital.coalliance.org/>; **Digital Library Program of the Library of Virginia**—<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/dlp/>; **North Carolina ECHO (Exploring Cultural Heritage Online)**—<http://www.ncecho.org/about.html>

As of mid-December 2001, 40 institutions have entered collections into Virtually Missouri.



During 2002, the Virtually Missouri website will be further enhanced in two ways. First, it will provide libraries with Web-accessible forms for inputting metadata for digital objects. Second, the creation of this database of metadata will allow library patrons to search by subject for individual digitized photos, docu-



Blunt promotes improved services for disabled Missourians



During his campaign for office, Secretary of State Matt Blunt promised Missouri voters “accessibility” to all services under the Secretary of State’s Office. He has followed through on this promise by creating an advisory committee to

make the office and its services more efficient and accessible to Missouri citizens, especially those who have disabilities.

The Secretary of State’s Committee on Services for Disabled Missourians, which meets twice a year, includes representatives from each of the office’s divisions and people from outside the SOS Office who are disabled or affiliated with the disabled.

The committee’s charge is as follows:

- ◆ To advise the Secretary on current services provided by the office and how these may be improved and expanded, especially for people who have disabilities.
- ◆ To ensure Missouri citizens with special needs have access to information with appropriate adjustments or reformatting of information to meet their individual needs.
- ◆ To ensure equal and full participation for all individuals in programs for which the office is responsible.
- ◆ To consider and advise the Secretary on new technologies which may improve, expand, or create services.
- ◆ To study programs and services developed by other states and make recommendations to the Secretary for their adoption by the office.

At the committee’s first meeting last fall, members discussed the services of each division of the SOS Office and determined several priorities for improvement and consideration:

1. Elections—as the main focus. Suggestions included voting alternatives for the disabled, a program of publicity and edu-

cation on election issues and accessibility, and the use of plain language for ballot summaries.

2. Revision of the SOS website and ensuring its accessibility. This is currently under way, with a spring 2002 completion date scheduled.
3. Staff awareness at all levels—an ongoing process.
4. Immediate response to SOS building needs, such as separate parking for the disabled and labeling areas for the public and staff, front desk reception height, and wheelchair availability.

The next meeting will be held on April 4, 2002, at the University of Missouri-Columbia Memorial Union. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information about the committee and its work, contact State Librarian Sara Parker at parkes@sosmail.state.mo.us, or Richard Smith at smithr@sosmail.state.mo.us.

Data retrieval and mapping at the address level

The Census Bureau now makes it possible for Web users to find Census 2000 information and maps by entering a street address



and then requesting the associated data and/or map for the county, township, tract, block group, or census block where

the address is located.

When someone wants to know the demographics and boundaries for the census block where he or she lives or a census tract number is needed for an address in a real estate transaction, this online tool makes it possible to find the information almost immediately.

To access this feature, click “street address” on the Census Bureau’s American Factfinder site at: <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>.



Web Watch

AssistiveMedia

www.assistivemedia.com

This site “expands the world of reading” by offering spoken-word recordings of short-subject literary works through the Web. It reproduces copyright-approved material from a variety of periodicals, such as *The New Yorker*, *Wired*, *Smithsonian*, *Granta*, and from independent writers.

Gracenote

www.gracenote.com

Said to be the largest online database of audio CD and song titles in the world. Check out this site for information on more than 800,000 albums, artist biographies, links, and much more.

Internet Fraud Watch

www.fraud.org/internet/intset.htm

Part of the National Fraud Information Center, this site provides tips, bulletins, and other information about avoiding Internet fraud and navigating the Net safely. Helps consumers distinguish between legitimate and fraudulent promotions in cyberspace. You can report possible fraud on the site’s Online Incident Report Form, and these will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

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New grants support Missouri digital imaging



Bookmobile tailcards link patriotism/reading

Shown above is the design for the new tailcards that have been installed on all St. Louis County Library trailers. The 57x31" tailcards are affixed to the rear of each bookmobile trailer, so cars following the bookmobile in traffic have a good view of the message, "Be Free—Read!" Designed by Barbara Wilkat, the library's graphic designer, the tailcards reflect both patriotic and intellectual freedom elements.

Presidential Museum and Library to create a website devoted to World War II and Pearl Harbor. The site will combine rare archival sound recordings of radio broadcasts with oral histories from Missouri veterans, photos, and video clips to create a multimedia exhibition.

Digitizing for the Web: The University of Missouri Savitar Yearbook

The University of Missouri Office of Library Systems will digitize text and images from this important cultural and historical record to document student and faculty activities at Missouri's largest university between 1894 and 1925.

An independent panel of librarians and archivists from throughout the state with expertise in digital imaging technology and who were not connected with any of the grants under consideration reviewed the grant proposals and submitted their recommendations to the State Librarian.

For more information about digital imaging projects, contact Carl Wingo at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 12.

Opera and libraries create partnership

Lyric Opera of Kansas City and public libraries within a 150-mile radius of Kansas City are partnering to promote "Cold Sassy Tree," an opera by Carlisle Floyd, based on



the bestseller by Olive Ann Burns. Lyric Opera will present "Cold Sassy Tree" on May 4-12, 2002. The opera received its world premiere in April 2000 at Houston Grand Opera and reaped far-reaching critical

acclaim. Since then, "Cold Sassy Tree" has been presented in Austin and San Diego, with several other companies slated for upcoming sessions.

In early spring 2002, both Missouri and Kansas libraries and branches will receive promotional materials for display and ticket discounts for patrons, employees, board members, and auxiliary groups. The partnership will encourage members of the lit-

erary community to bolster renewed interest in the classic novel, and see a bestseller come to life on the stage.

For more information about the "Cold Sassy Tree" promotional partnership or for materials, contact Virginia Long, director of marketing at the Lyric Opera, at 816-471-4933 or vlong@kcopera.org. Visit the Lyric's website at www.kcopera.org.

NEWSLINE® service slated for expansion

Missouri subscribers to NEWSLINE®, a telephone news service for visually and physically disabled individuals, will soon have access to more than 40 newspapers through a nationwide toll-free 800 number. This service expansion will take place in March 2002.

All Wolfner Library users qualify for the NEWSLINE® service. Those interested in registering for the service and who are not currently subscribers should call Wolfner Library at 800-392-2514. Registration can be completed over the phone.

Wolfner Library director Richard Smith says the number of newspapers available

through NEWSLINE® is expected to increase. NEWSLINE® users will then have access to most of the country's major newspapers, from the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* to the *Chicago Tribune* to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Statewide outreach campaign highlights talking books

Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has launched a statewide outreach campaign to bring the "Take a Talking Book" program to Missouri's senior citizens and their families and friends. Wolfner is cooperating with the Library of Congress in the four-month effort.

More than 10,600 seniors in Missouri are eligible for Wolfner's free services. Secretary of State Matt Blunt said, "We will use newspapers, television, and radio in a coordinated media campaign to bring this terrific program to the attention of people who could use this service."

Missouri is one of only nine states currently participating in the campaign. Eventually, the campaign will be released to the 138 cooperating libraries administering the service nationwide. It is designed to reach seniors who are blind, or have low vision or physical limitations.

Missouri's public education campaign is part of an effort by the Library of Congress to both increase and improve services to eligible older Americans.

Entertainment movie copyright compliance for public libraries

Movie Licensing USA, licensing agent for Walt Disney, Warner Bros., Paramount, DreamWorks, Columbia, Sony, MGM, and other major motion picture studios, now provides Movie Copyright Compliance Site Licensing to public libraries for the use of entertainment videos. The movie license ensures copyright compliance for showing of films produced by the studios represented,

and used by libraries for numerous activities.

Neither the rental, purchase or lending of a copyrighted videocassette or DVD automatically carries with it the right to show a movie outside the home except in certain limited teaching situations in schools. Public libraries do not enjoy any such exemptions from copyright law. Therefore, a Movie Copyright Compliance Site License must be obtained to ensure compliance with the law when showing copyrighted movies for special programs in a library. The license also protects a library when outside groups use the facilities to show copyrighted movies.

For free, detailed information regarding movie licensing and Movie Copyright Compliance Site Licenses for Public Libraries, call toll free 877-321-1300, visit www.movlic.com, or write: Movie Licensing USA, 201 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103.

Libraries eligible for NEH local history grants

The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced a special initiative through its Challenge Grants program to help small institutions improve their humanities resources in local history. The initiative's goals are:

- *To build opportunities for research, education, and public programs in local history, especially in communities underserved by humanities activities.
- *To establish long-term partnerships among educational and cultural organizations in a community.
- *To help organizations in strategic planning.
- *To build a base of financial support for long-term programming.

Awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 will require recipients to raise an equal amount from non-federal sources. Preference will be given to institutions with annual budgets of less than \$100,000 and to

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New book on Ozarks land and life

A fully updated edition of a beloved classic, *The Ozarks: Land and Life* by Milton D. Rafferty, has recently been published by The University of Arkansas Press. The author, who teaches at Southwest Missouri State University, reaches into history, anthropology, economics, and geography to explore the complex relationships between the Ozarks' people and land through times of profound change. This second edition explores the new and potent forces which have reshaped the region over the last 20 years: tourism and the growing service industry, suburbanization, rapid population growth and retirement living, and agribusiness.

Lynn Morrow, director of local records for the Secretary of State's Office, says the new edition "should stand as the basic general reference for decades to come."

The book is available for \$34.95 at bookstores and from The University of Arkansas Press at 800-626-0090.



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)



MU Libraries receive major gift

During their lifetimes and after, Elmer and Ruth Ellis contributed generously to the University of Missouri Libraries. Last year, the Elmer and Ruth Ellis nook was dedicated during the celebration of the renovated Friends of the Libraries' Colonnade in the Elmer Ellis Library. This area honors Dr. and Mrs. Ellis for their leadership, without which the MU Libraries would not have accomplished the significant growth of the facility and library materials during Dr. Ellis' time as president of the university (1955-1966) and following.

According to MU Libraries director Martha Alexander, Mrs. Ellis continued her husband's mission during her lifetime by supporting the library with her financial resources and participation in library events. Mrs. Ellis made her last visit to Ellis Library shortly before her death on October 30, 2000. Alexander said Mrs. Ellis was, and will always remain, the "First Lady of MU Libraries."

The university has just received word that Mrs. Ellis designated the MU Libraries as a beneficiary of her estate, and the libraries will receive \$1,027,427. This gift will be placed in the new Elmer and Ruth C. Ellis Endowment, and the proceeds will provide for the purchase of books, manuscripts, and other resources for Ellis Library. Interest from the endowment will be available for expenditure in fiscal year 2003. Alexander said the gift will count for approximately 13% of the MU Libraries' proposed goal of \$8 million for a development campaign.

LIVE! @ your library grant to St. Louis Community College

St. Louis Community College, Florissant Valley Library, is one of 24 libraries and literacy organizations nationwide to receive a LIVE! @your library grant. This grant affords opportunities for libraries and partner-

ing organizations to present cultural programs for adult and family audiences in libraries.

Featuring live appearances by literary, visual, and performing artists, local LIVE! programs explore important issues and ideas, such as families in art and literature, the effects of migration and immigration on discovering one's self, sports and the arts, and the art of biography.

The St. Louis Community College program goal is to bring community members together to explore and celebrate themes of racial harmony and diversity through biographical storytelling and participation in cultural activities. The program, which is scheduled for January 13, 2002, and open to all residents of the Greater St. Louis area, will celebrate peace in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In addition to the key performance by Awele Makeba titled "Rage is Not a 1-Day Thing," the program will include brief presentations from three winners of the oratory contests sponsored by North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony & Justice.

"Rage is Not a 1-Day Thing" is a multidisciplinary performance using theatre, oral history, and music to explore the lives of teenagers and women who sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

The program will also include an exhibit displaying relevant books and other resources available at the library.

Grand rededication ceremony for Truman Library

The Truman Presidential Museum & Library celebrated a grand rededication ceremony on December 9, 2001. The ceremony celebrated the museum's structural renovation, the opening of "Harry S. Truman: The Presidential Years"—the new interactive exhibit chronicling Truman's Presidency and the opening of the new White House Decision Center, an experiential learning program geared toward high school students.

Special guests at the ceremony included Missouri Governor Bob Holden, President Truman's eldest grandson, Clifton Truman

Daniel, and David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize winner and author of *Truman*, who provided the keynote address.

"Harry S. Truman: The Presidential Years," chronicles the major decisions and events that unfolded during the presidency of Harry S. Truman from 1945 to 1953. The interactive exhibit gives visitors an inside look at some of the most historic and dramatic decisions of the 20th century including the ending of World War II, the formation of NATO, the Korean Conflict, and the desegregation of the armed forces. Two interactive "Decision Theaters" allow visitors to delve further into controversial issues by placing them in the position of weighing the merits of these major challenges that faced President Truman and his staff.

Other aspects of the exhibit focus on Truman, his ideas, opinions, and the manner in which he made decisions, and also offers visitors a glimpse into the social, cultural, and political life of America during the years of his presidency.

The White House Decision Center in the new Ed and Beth Smith Education Wing is a one-of-a-kind educational experience in an area reminiscent of the West Wing of the White House. Students take on the roles of President Truman and his key advisors facing real-life historic decisions.

The Truman Library is one of 10 presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Kansas City Public Library magazine found in al-Quaida training camp

A *Chemical Week* magazine with a Kansas City Public Library mailing address was found in an abandoned al-Quaida training camp 12 miles south of Kandahar in Afghanistan in December. Also found in the camp was an *Aviation Week* magazine with the address of an Ann Arbor, Michigan, business.

Kansas City library officials have no idea how the magazine made its way to the camp. Diana Reiter, the library's marketing director, said the library keeps magazines

on open shelves, and many magazines are stolen from the shelves. "We still don't know how the magazine got to Afghanistan, and we don't know the date of the magazine," Reiter said.

The FBI is investigating the situation but has not found evidence of anyone involved in or having connections to al-Quaida in Kansas City.

Henry County Library records veterans' remembrances

During the week of Veterans Day 2001, the Henry County Library and Clinton radio station KDKD saluted veterans by offering to preserve their reminiscences of the military in war and/or peacetime on videotape. Library and radio staffs cooperated to record local veterans for a "Living History" Veterans Project. Tappings were made in the library and in stores throughout the Clinton Historic Square District.

The Henry County Library was available throughout the month of November to record tapes for veterans who were unable to record their histories during the Veterans Day week. The tapes have become part of the library's collection, cataloged for check-out.

Library director Liz Cashell said eight World War II veterans recorded their experiences for the project. Project sponsor Main Street has asked the library to continue the recording project in 2002.

Springfield-Greene County Library invites local history articles for the Web

The Ozarks Regional Information Network (ORION), the community website sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library, has embarked on a new historical and cultural preservation project called "Living in the Ozarks: The People and Culture of Southwest Missouri."

The library invites articles for Web publication on interesting people, places or traditions, historical incidents or contemporary reactions. In addition to an online byline, the articles will feature a photograph and a

Missourian writes for American Libraries

An article by Sandra L. Brown, associate professor and reference services librarian at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, was published in the October 2001 issue of *American Libraries*, the official magazine of the American Library Association. Titled "Searching for Lost Treasure in Your Library," the article was featured in the rare book section of the magazine. Brown's research in the SBU Archive a few years ago afforded the basis for the article. She also serves as the university's archivist.

More Library News



Chinese—soon to be most-used language on the Web

Currently, English speakers represent a slight majority of the world's 460 million Web users, but by 2002, non-English speakers will hold the majority. And by 2007, Chinese will surpass English as the most-used language on the Web. Domain names, which previously had been issued mostly in English and in Latin-based characters, are now available in Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Arabic scripts and with accents of European romance languages.

Source: *Financial Times* and *United Nations World Intellectual Property Organization*

profile of the author.

A recent article on ORION discussed the history of Greene County rural one-room schoolhouses and featured the research of David Burton, chair of the Greene County Historic Sites Board. Burton's article and others are archived at <http://community.orion.org/features/archive.htm>.

Those interested in submitting an article should contact Jeanne Duffey at 417-874-8120, ext. 217 or jeanned@orion.org.

Special storytellers at Brentwood Public Library

Brentwood Public Library hosted a special preschool story time program each Tuesday morning during Missouri Library Month last November. Brentwood Mayor Pat Kelly, Missouri State Representative Joan Bray, and Missouri State Senator Michael Gibbons entertained more than 70 preschoolers and their parents by sharing some of their favorite stories and poems. The event was so popular that children's librarian Karen Moore is planning another series of guest storytellers this spring.

Libraries sign borrowing agreement

The boards of Scenic Regional Library and Washington Public Library have signed a

reciprocal borrowing agreement to provide expanded services to their patrons. The new agreement will enable users of Scenic Regional to use their library cards to borrow books and access services at the Washington library at no charge and vice versa. Before the agreement, non-residents of the libraries paid an annual fee for services.

The agreement is set for a two-year trial period. Washington city administrator Jim Briggs said that each transaction will be recorded, and the other would be credited 25 cents. At the end of one year, the funds will be divided between the two libraries based on credits earned.

Scenic Regional director Sallie Hancox and Washington Public director Carolyn Witt had been discussing a reciprocal agreement for some time. They said the agreement is similar to one enacted in the St. Louis area in 2000.

Maryville library project helps city win award

The City of Maryville received a 2001 Missouri Community Betterment Award in November, and one of the projects submitted for the award was the Maryville Public Library Project. The city entered five projects, which totaled \$9.4 million in local community support, and was awarded a third place plaque for the population VIII category.

The library project involved a major capital campaign to renovate and expand the facility, providing improved educational and cultural opportunities for the community. More than 400 local businesses and individuals donated over \$600,000 to the campaign.

Online reference service available through St. Louis County Library

St. Louis County Library joins a growing number of U.S. libraries in providing online reference service. Reference librarians are available to chat online with patrons from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The service allows patrons to ask



Rod Hurt was one of many volunteers at a pancake day held to raise funds for the new Holden Public Library. (Holden Image photo by Denny Campbell)

questions and receive help from a knowledgeable information professional.

Go to www.slcl.org and click on "Ask a Reference Question," then use the "Click for Live Help" icon to begin an online chat. After 3 p.m., library patrons can e-mail the reference department on the same website and click on the "E-mail Your Question" icon. Answers are delivered within 48 hours.

For information about 24/7 reference projects in other states, online chatting software, and general background, go to www.ims.gov/closer/hlt_10801.htm.

Marshall Public Library sponsors cultural story time

The Marshall Public Library offers a sampling of international cultures to area children through a new program called Cultural Story Time. The program, which highlights a different country each month, introduces children to a variety of countries and cultures through stories and crafts. The children's area in the library is decorated to suit the culture, and children's librarian Maureen Burks selects stories to represent the month's country. In November, the program featured African stories, and children made drums and necklaces. In December, the country was England, and children learned about Victorian Christmas celebrations. January's program will focus on Chinese New Year.

National recognition for SMS viticulture website

The Paul Evans Library of Fruit Science, a branch library of the Southwest Missouri State University library system in Mountain Grove, has been accepted as a full member into the Agriculture Network Information Center (AgNIC). Suzi Teghtmeyer, head librarian of the Evans Library, is the official AgNIC representative. She compiled and maintains the nationally accepted viticulture (growing of grapes) website.

AgNIC serves as a guide to quality agricultural information on the Internet as selected by the National Agriculture Library,

land-grant universities, other agricultural libraries, extension services, and other organizations. One of the objectives of AgNIC is that member participants take responsibility for small vertical segments of agriculture and develop homepages on those specific areas.

With the amount of quality viticulture research conducted on the Mountain Grove campus by the Department of Fruit Science and the Midwest Grape and Wine Center, and with their collaboration with the State Grape and Wine Program, there was a need to identify accurate online information.



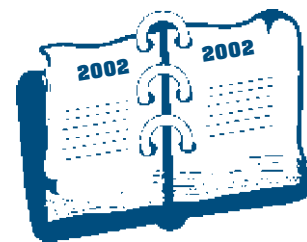
Teghtmeyer organized a wealth of online viticulture information and what began as a list of 50 links soon grew to 200 categorized links. The sites cover all aspects of viticulture from history and general information to pests and diseases, journals and newsletters, national organizations, and much more.

Missouri Library Legislative Day

On February 5, 2002, librarians and library trustees from across the state will converge on Jefferson City for the 15th Missouri Library Legislative Day. They will meet with their elected representatives to discuss issues of importance to their libraries such as increased funding, access to information, literacy, Internet filtering, and proposed legislation affecting library service.

Last year, more than 60 librarians and trustees, representing libraries large and small, attended this special event that keeps legislators updated on local as well as state library needs.

Upcoming Events



February—Black History Month

February 5
Missouri Library Legislative Day

February 12-13
Missouri Digitization Conference
Columbia

February 15
Wolfner Advisory Council
Jefferson City

February 15-16
Library Trustees Academy
Lake of the Ozarks

February 19-22
Winter Library Institute
Columbia

February 28
Secretary's Council on Library Development
Jefferson City

March—Women's History Month, Small Press Month

March 2
Read Across America

March 12-16
Public Library Association National Conference
Phoenix

March 20
Poetry in Missouri Public Libraries Conference
Columbia

Personal Notes

Missouri libraries calendar

The State Library has mailed a 2002 calendar and annual report to all Missouri libraries. The report includes summaries of State Library activities and expenditures during Fiscal Year 2001, facts about Missouri libraries, and a message from Secretary of State Matt Blunt. The calendar features photographs of 12 Missouri libraries and notes state and national library events.

Appointments

Kay Callison has been named grants officer at the State Library. She is responsible for overseeing the federal Library Services & Technology Act program for Missouri.

Callison has long experience in grants development and administration. She founded and managed for more than 20 years the American Audio Prose Library (AAPL), a nonprofit organization dedicated to recording contemporary American fiction writers. AAPL was funded by federal and state arts agencies and was the recipient of six national broadcasting awards. Callison also has hosted a radio series for KOPN-FM in Columbia and worked with Daniel Boone Regional Library staff on programs based on AAPL recordings.

She graduated from Central Methodist College with an undergraduate degree in music (performance) and earned a M.A. in English from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Cynthia Barth has been named head librarian for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. She will be responsible for providing leadership and direction for the Spencer Art Reference Library, the Slide Library, and the Museum Archives.

The Spencer Art Reference Library is a non-circulating, 135,000-volume art history reference collection open to the public. The library's collections and services support research on the art collection as well as related activities such as exhibitions and programs.

Previously, Barth served as library services director at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica, New York. She received an undergraduate degree in fine arts from Colgate University (NY) and a graduate degree in library science from the State University of New York at Albany.

Ann Baker has joined the staff of Meyer Library at Southwest Missouri State University as archivist in the Special Collec-

tions and Archives Department. She holds an M.L.S. from the University of Maryland and has held archivist positions at Williams College (MA), the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Before joining the Meyer staff, she worked at The History Museum for Springfield-Greene County.

The James C. Kirkpatrick Library at Central Missouri State University has announced faculty appointments for **Marian Craig** and **Scott Norwood** as instructors in library services.

Craig was formerly an outreach librarian in Mohave County, Arizona, and has worked in technical services positions in several medical school libraries in Missouri. She earned a B.A. with an emphasis in music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and an M.A. in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is currently working toward an Education Specialist in information technology.

Norwood has served as a librarian for the U.S. Air Force for the last 13 years at Whiteman AFB, Elmendorf AFB in Alaska, and RAB Lakenheath in Suffolk, England. He received a B.A. in history from Truman State University, an M.A. in library and information science from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and an M.A. in human relations from the University of Oklahoma.

Cindy Cotner has accepted the position of reference desk coordinator/general reference librarian at Ellis Library, University of Missouri-Columbia. She was most recently assistant to the director of libraries at Ellis and before that worked at Lincoln University's Page Library and in the reference department at Evangel University. Her B.A. is from Evangel University, and her M.A. in library and information science is from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Leander Spearman has been appointed manager of St. Louis County Library's Indian Trails Branch. A library staff member since 2000, Spearman holds a B.A. in business administration management from Har-

ris-Stowe College and an M.A. in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He also worked for several years at St. Louis Public Library.

Patricia L. Walker has joined the staff of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia as a manuscript specialist. She has worked at the Southern Historical Collection, where in addition to reference work she assisted with the "Documenting the American South" project, which is placing rare Civil War and slavery materials online. She received a B.A. in history from Virginia Tech and an M.L.S. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Mary Northrup is the new reference librarian at Maple Woods Community College in Kansas City. She earned an M.L.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a B.A. in education from St. Norbert College (WI). She has worked in public and special libraries.

Northrup is the author of *Short on Time, Long on Learning* (Linworth, 2000), a book of puzzles and activities for teachers and librarians to use with 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, and *American Computer Pioneers* (Enslow, 1998), a collective biography for middle school students. She also has written numerous articles for children, teachers, librarians, and writers, which have appeared in periodicals such as *Calliope*, *Cobblestone*, *Book Links*, *Library Talk*, *Children's Writer*, and others.

Mechelle Stiffler has been appointed director of the Appleton City Public Library. She replaces **Barbara Franzone**.

Retirements

Rose Bowen has retired as director of the Doniphan-Ripley County Library. During her six-year tenure, she improved the library's collection and budget, which resulted in service to a larger number of residents. Circulation has increased on all levels, and the library has obtained substantial grant funding through her efforts. Her work with the Friends of the Library was instru-

mental in the community's passage of a \$200,000 bond issue in 2001. The new funds will be used to build an addition to the library.

Helen Clingingsmith, librarian at the Malden Branch of Dunklin County Library, retired at the end of 2001 after 36 years of service to the library. Well known and respected in Malden, Clingingsmith has seen important changes in the library's service to the community during her lengthy career. She especially noted the growth of the children's program and the paperback collection, access to computers, and the greater role the library plays in the community.

Jennett Smith, a library employee for 20 years, replaces Clingingsmith.

Dr. Larry Dorrell has retired after 15 years with the Department of Library Science and Information Services at Central Missouri State University. As chair of the department since 1997, he expanded the department's efforts to meet the university's statewide mission and facilitated the growth of the degree program into other parts of the state. He received many honors for his academic contributions including CMSU's Byler Distinguished Faculty Award, given annually to top faculty. He has accepted a position with Salt Lake Community College as director of learning resources.

Elaine Miller has retired as librarian of the Odessa Branch of Trails Regional Library, a position she held for 20 years. She was the librarian with the longest tenure at the Odessa facility since the library joined the regional system in 1965. Among the many service improvements she oversaw was a move to a new location, which tripled the library's floor space. **Fran Rushing**, currently at the system's Lexington Branch, will succeed Miller.

Death

Marshall Dial, director of the New Madrid County Library for more than 40 years, died October 31, 2001. He was a prominent local historian known for his "The Stories

Online resource for older adults

Libraries offering Internet classes for older adults may want to refer to a new publication available from SPRY (Setting Priorities for Retirement years). Titled *A Guide for Older Adults and Caregivers*, this publication was a result of the 2001 Conference on Older Adults, Health Information, and the World Wide Web. It is available online at http://www.spry.org/sprys_work/education/evaluating_health_content.html.

More Personal Notes



Building Block Award winner

Two Cool Coyotes by Jillian Lund is the 2001 Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award winner. The story is about losing an old friend and gaining a new friend. *School Library Journal* described the text as "spare enough to make...a great storytime offering" and "a good book to share with one or two children on a lap."

This award honors books for children ages birth to kindergarten and is sponsored by the Missouri Library Association's Children's Services Round Table.

They Tell" broadcast over KMIS radio, which featured his oral history interviews with residents of the area, and for his work on the New Madrid Sesquicentennial and the Portageville Centennial celebrations. He was the author of two books, *My Diary*, the story of a Civil War soldier, and *Bootheel Swamp Struggle*. A Civil War buff, Dial assisted in digging up a Civil War gunboat near New Madrid in the 1960s.

Library Trustee Academy scheduled for February 2002

Advocacy, budgeting, focus groups, personnel, library law, strategic planning...

Missouri public library trustees deal with a huge array of issues, and many trustees feel overwhelmed with the work involved in the operation of a library. To help library trustees better understand their role and the importance of their job, the State Library will sponsor a Trustee Academy, February 15-16, 2002, at the Holiday Inn SunSpree in Lake Ozark.

The goal of the academy is to give trustees the basic skills they need to oversee their libraries effectively and efficiently. Trustees will learn about board and library director responsibilities, planning and role setting, Missouri library law, local and statewide advocacy for libraries, budget and finance, personnel laws, staff development, short- and long-range planning, and policy development.

Charlaine Ezell of The Extra Edge, a library consulting firm in Lansing, Michigan, will facilitate the academy sessions. Ezell has more than 30 years' experience with state and public libraries and has conducted library training programs all over the country. She has worked as a public library administrator, children's and reference librarian, marketing director, and as a consultant to school and public libraries. She has presented numerous programs for the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, the Michigan Library Consortium, and other library organizations. She

has received the Outstanding Library Educator of the Year Award from ALA as well as from the Michigan Library Association.

Ezell holds a Ph.D in adult and continuing education from Michigan State University and an M.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She was selected to participate in the University of Georgia's International Leadership Institute for Adult Educators—the first librarian to be selected. Early in her career, she served as the specialist for public relations and programming at Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia.

There is no charge for the academy; however, registrants will be limited to 100. Trustees can register by mail, fax, or online at the State Library website at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library>.

Poetry in Missouri Public Libraries—a conference

The State Library and the Missouri Center for the Book will co-sponsor a conference, "Poetry and Missouri Public Libraries," on March 20, 2002, at the Reynolds Alumni



Center on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. The conference will be presented by Poets House in New York City and will be based on Poetry in the

Branches (PITB), an award-winning program that helps libraries develop new audiences for poetry, as well as increase poetry circulation. From collection development to hosting poetry readings, librarians will learn how to make their libraries centers for the discovery of poetry.

The intensive 9AM to 5PM conference will include sessions on poetry in the life of the individual and the community, the ABCs of effective programming, spreading the word, collection development for your community, display ideas, publicity, organizing writing workshops, and more.

Key presenters will be Jen Abrams, Poetry in the Branches coordinator for the Poets House, and David Johnson, a poet and cre-

ative writing instructor at Yale University. Also appearing on the program will be Missouri poet Kevin Prufer.

This conference is an important opportunity to participate in some of the best program training in the country. There is no charge for the conference, but registration is limited to 50. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Madeline Matsom, senior consultant at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 8, or matsom@sosmail.state.mo.us. Registration deadline is March 8.

State Library grant opportunities

Three new grant programs available through the State Library focus on library planning and standards and library technology. All are funded through the Library Services and Technology Act. Guidelines for these programs have been mailed to libraries and posted on the State Library's website at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library>.

Planning and Standards Grants

This pilot program has two goals, based on Track 1 of Missouri Public Library Standards:

- ✓ Public libraries will chart a clear course for future library services.
- ✓ Public libraries will succeed with standards by writing policies and service plans.

Grants from \$500 to \$15,000 per library outlet are available to help libraries write policies and service plans, such as collection development plans. Planning grants can be used for community meetings, focus group activities, community surveys, meeting facilitators, expert assistance in plan development, and related activities. The project must include participation by library trustees, library staff, and community members. Eligible applications will be reviewed and evaluated by State Library staff. Final awards will be made by the Secretary of State.

Contact Carolyn Baker, library administration consultant at the State Library for

additional information about this program, 800-325-0131, ext. 17.

Videoconferencing Grants

This grant program will further the development of a statewide videoconferencing network for public libraries. The goal is to establish 15 regional labs that are strategically located throughout the state. Each lab will be furnished with state-of-the-art equipment capable of providing interactive videoconferencing for continuing education classes, staff development seminars, and other formal or informal library meetings. This network will afford Missouri's public libraries another avenue for training capabilities to remote areas of the state while enhancing professional development for all public libraries.

There are minimum requirements an interested library must meet to be considered for this program. Each library also must be committed to providing at least one staff person to assist or serve as the facilitator and handle minor troubleshooting tasks for equipment and connectivity needs.

For more information about the program, contact Carol Amos, library automation consultant at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 14.

Gates Public Service Desk Computer Grants

Each library building receiving a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-U.S. Library Program Eligible Library Building Grant may purchase one Gates public service desk computer with an LSTA grant.

A public service desk computer will facilitate public access to the library's electronic services by allowing library staff to provide information to library users. The computer must be installed at a desk that is visible and accessible by the general public and be connected to the Internet.

Each "Eligible Library Building" may apply for a grant totaling \$2,055 under this program.

Additional information about the grants may be requested from Heather Peugh, at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext. 16.

National Book Award winners—2001

Fiction: Jonathan Franzen, *The Corrections* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Nonfiction: Andrew Solomon, *The Noonday Demon: An Atlas of Depression* (Scribner)

Poetry: Alan Dugan, *Poems Seven: New and Complete Poetry* (Seven Stories Press)

Young People's Literature: Virginia Euwer Wolff, *True Believer* (Atheneum)



Free community heritage poster

In cooperation with the Rural School and Community Trust, and with support from the U.S. Department of Education, the American Folklife Center has produced a poster titled "Explore Your Community" designed for middle school and high school students. The poster encourages students to learn more about their own communities by engaging in documentation projects. On the back of the poster are suggestions for heritage studies and community projects, such as interviewing friends and classmates about school-related traditions and developing a walking tour of a historic neighborhood.

The Folklife Center and the Rural Trust hope that students will want to explore and document a wide range of living cultural expressions in their families, schools, neighborhoods, and towns and cities.

The "Explore Your Community" poster is in full color, 22x34 inches, and available free of charge from the Library of Congress, American Folklife Center, 101 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003; e-mail: folklife@loc.gov.

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NEH grants

institutions setting up new endowments for humanities programs. Examples of activities include: a permanent lecture series, a continuing exhibition series based on topics of community interest, ongoing seminar programs for adult learners, archival research projects, improved long-term care of collections, installation of electronic field trips, establishment of community walking tours, continuing neighborhood documentation projects for students K-12, or continuing teacher workshops using local history resources. The use of new technologies is encouraged.

For information on how to apply, call NEH's Office of Challenge Grants, 202-606-8309, or consult the Challenge Grants guidelines at www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/localhistory.html. The application deadline is May 1, 2002.

FY2002 appropriations for federal cultural and education agencies

President Bush has signed the FY2002 Interior Appropriations bill into law, which contains increased funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services/Office of Museum Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The FY2002 bill provides funding for these agencies through September 2002. The enacted appropriations, in millions of dollars, follow:

IMLS/Office of Library Services—\$182
National Endowment for the Humanities—\$124.5

National Endowment for the Arts—\$115.2

Also signed by President Bush was the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, with an appropriation included for a new school library resources program. Funding was set at \$12.5 million for this program in FY2002. Guide-

lines and the program application process will be determined by the U.S. Department of Education.

It's time for Read Across America

The National Education Association, with support from more than 40 national non-profit and association partners, annually sponsors the Read Across America program on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Because March 2 is a Saturday, the "official" 2002 Read Across America Day is Friday, March 1.

Read Across America focuses the country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read in addition to helping them master basic skills. Last year, over 35 million people celebrated the joy of reading on Read Across America Day. The 2002 program features country music legend Garth Brooks as honorary chair.

In cities and towns across the state, librarians, teachers, politicians, athletes, parents, grandparents, and others have developed

Read Across America activities to bring reading excitement to children of all ages.

New this year is an NEA partnership with CyberSafari to provide a fun way to explore reading sites on the Internet while building reading skills. CyberSafari is a free and safe Internet treasure hunt. It is a "kid-safe" way for students and their families, librarians, and teachers to explore the valuable information found on the Web and how to find it. CyberSafari's special Reading Challenges designed for Read Across America showcase great reading sites to enjoy year round. CyberSafari also administers an extensive general knowledge Internet treasure hunt three times a year. These contests may be found at www.cybersafari.org.

To find resources for Read Across America programs, visit www.nea.org/readacross.org



Brownstone book donation to Missouri libraries

For the fourth year in a row, the Brownstone Book Fund has made a gift of 100 children's books to several Missouri libraries. Since 1998, Diane Brownstone, director of the foundation, has given 9,000 children's books to 90 Missouri libraries. Brownstone, who lives in New York City, was raised in Kansas City. The library of her youth, Southwest Public Library, gave her an addiction to books that enriched her life. In bestowing her gifts of children's books to libraries, she hopes to give young people the experience and pleasure she has found in books and reading.

Brownstone creates a list of 300 titles from which recipient libraries can select books of their choice. She adds new titles each year, choosing books with quality writing and illustrations. She works to create a balanced list of titles appropriate for infants to preschoolers. The foundation works closely with Brodart to distribute the books.

Five correctional institution libraries are among the recipients of the Brownstone Book Fund in 2001. Prisoners learning to read will have the opportunity to practice reading specific titles in the prison library, and can then share the books with their visiting young children.

Recipients of the 2001 Brownstone Book Fund include: Adair County Library; Barry-Lawrence Regional Library—Aurora, Monett, and Cassville branches; Kansas City Public Library—Irene H. Ruiz Biblioteca de las Americas; Louisiana Public Library; Maryville Public Library; Morgan County Library; Webster County Library; Wellsville Public Library; Crossroads Correctional Center Library; Farmington Correction Center Library; Tipton Correctional Center Library; Western Missouri Correctional Center Library; and Women's Eastern Correctional Center Library.

For more information about the Brownstone Book Fund, contact Nancee Dahms-Stinson at the State Library: dahmsn@sosmail.state.mo.us or (800) 325-0131, ext. 5.

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Workshop offers literacy basics for librarians

The State Library will sponsor a workshop, "The Magic Word is Literacy," in connection with the LIFT-Missouri Literacy Leap 2002 conference on the morning of April 10, 2002.

The workshop will present information on stages of literacy development, principles of literacy acquisition, and suggestions for literacy support activities. While the session was developed for librarians, it will be helpful to anyone who is involved in literacy support and encouragement but does not have an academic background in reading instruction.

The presenter will be Dr. Nancy Wegge, a Missouri educational consultant, and the workshop will take place at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark. LIFT's statewide literacy conference follows, beginning the afternoon of April 10, 2002, and runs through the afternoon of April 12, 2002.

Registration information is available on the LIFT-Missouri website at <http://lift-missouri.org/ll2.html>.

For more information about the workshop, contact Karen Jones, the State Library's literacy consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 11

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Author	Title	Grade
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Fever 1793</i>	6-10
Avi	<i>Ereth's Birthday</i>	3-6
Brooke, Peggy	<i>Jake's Orphan</i>	5-8
Creech, Sharon	<i>The Wanderer</i>	5-9
Dahlberg, Maurine F.	<i>Play to the Angel</i>	5-8
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>	4-6
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Nory Ryan's Song</i>	5-8
Gray, Dianne E.	<i>Holding Up the Earth</i>	5-8
Isaacs, Anne	<i>Torn Thread</i>	6-8
Jones, Jennifer	<i>Dear Mrs. Ryan, You're Ruining My Life</i>	3-5
Kehret, Peg	<i>My Brother Made Me Do It</i>	4-6
Korman, Gordon	<i>No More Dead Dogs</i>	5-8
McKissack, Patricia	<i>Color Me Dark</i>	4-6
Park, Barbara	<i>The Graduation of Jake Moon</i>	4-6
Peck, Richard	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>	5-8
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	<i>Gib and the Gray Ghost</i>	4-8
Strickland, Brad	<i>When Mack Came Back</i>	3-6
Wallace, Bill	<i>Coyote Autumn</i>	4-8
Wittlinger, Ellen	<i>Gracie's Girl</i>	4-6
Yep, Laurence	<i>Dream Soul</i>	4-8



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